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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF LONG ISLAND  
SOUND."***

1 In line 5, after "crossings" strike "or" and insert a comma in lieu  
2 thereof

3 In line 6, after "crossings" insert "or telecommunications crossings"

4 In line 7, strike "electric power line or gas pipeline" and insert "such"  
5 in lieu thereof

6 In line 14, strike "and" and insert a comma in lieu thereof

7 In line 14, after "distributions" insert ", and environmental impact"

8 In line 15, strike "and shall make recommendations to the General"  
9 and insert a period in lieu thereof

10 Strike line 16 in its entirety

11 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

12 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than one year  
13 from the effective date of this section, a comprehensive environmental  
14 assessment and plan shall be completed under the direction of the  
15 Institute for Sustainable Energy in conjunction with the assistance of a  
16 representative of the following: (1) The Bureau of Fisheries of the  
17 Department of Environmental Protection; (2) the Director of the  
18 Bureau of Aquaculture of the Department of Agriculture; (3) the  
19 Department of Public Utility Control; (4) the Connecticut Siting  
20 Council; (5) the bureau of Aviation and Ports, Connecticut Coastline  
21 Port Authority of the Department of Transportation; (6) the  
22 Connecticut Seafood Council; (7) the National Marine Fisheries; (8)  
23 Save the Sound, Inc.; (9) the Connecticut Fund for the Environment,  
24 Inc.; (10) the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries; (11) the Connecticut State  
25 Geologist; and (12) no more than one representative each from the  
26 electrical cable power industry, the gas pipeline industry and the  
27 telecommunications industry. The Institute shall consult with those  
28 federal agencies regarding matters within such agency's jurisdiction.  
29 Nothing in this section shall prohibit the participation of other persons  
30 in the development of the comprehensive environmental assessment  
31 and plan.

32 (b) Such assessment and plan shall include, but not be limited to, the  
33 following: (1) In consultation with the Institute of Water Resources at  
34 The University of Connecticut, a comprehensive inventory and  
35 mapping of all existing environmental data on the natural resources of  
36 Long Island Sound, including, but not limited to: All coastal resources,  
37 as defined in section 22a-93 of the general statutes, all points of public  
38 access and public use, locations of rare and endangered species  
39 including the breeding and nesting areas for such rare and endangered  
40 species, locations of historically productive fishing grounds, and  
41 locations of unusual and important submerged vegetation; (2) an  
42 evaluation of the relative importance and uniqueness of the natural  
43 resources of Long Island Sound; (3) an assessment of the present  
44 status, future potential and environmental impacts of proposed

45 methods of providing power to Long Island that do not require the  
46 laying of a power line or cable within Long Island Sound; (4) an  
47 evaluation of methods to minimize the numbers and impacts of electric  
48 power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings, and telecommunications  
49 crossings within Long Island Sound; (5) an identification and  
50 prioritization of resources in Long Island Sound that are most  
51 ecologically sensitive; (6) an inventory of current crossings of Long  
52 Island Sound and an evaluation of the current environmental status of  
53 those areas that have crossings; (7) recommendations for providing for  
54 regional energy needs while protecting Long Island Sound to the  
55 maximum extent possible; and (8) recommendations on natural  
56 resource performance bond levels to reimburse the state in the event  
57 that future electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings, or  
58 telecommunications crossings substantially damage the public trust in  
59 the natural resources of Long Island Sound."

60 In line 61, strike "Nothing in this subsection shall be"

61 Strike lines 62 and 63